

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing replaces all prior version and listing of claims in the application:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (NEW) A composition for improving surface size and surface strength for cellulosic products comprising an aqueous sizing mixture of a film-forming binder, a cationic polymer and an anionic polymer, wherein the film-forming binder is a starch, wherein the cationic polymer is a polyamidoamine-epichlorohydrin resin and wherein the anionic polymer is a hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride having a copolymer of styrene-acrylic ester dispersed therein.

27. (NEW) The composition of claim 26 wherein said hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride is prepared by forming an ammonium salt of said styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer.

28. (NEW) The composition of claim 27 wherein said hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride having a copolymer of styrene-acrylic ester dispersed therein is NovaCote PS2.

29. (NEW) A method of sizing a cellulosic web comprising applying to a surface of the cellulosic web the composition of claim 26.

30. (NEW) A method of sizing a cellulosic web comprising applying to a surface of the cellulosic web the composition of claim 27.

31. (NEW) A method of sizing a cellulosic web comprising applying to a surface of the cellulosic web the composition of claim 28.

32. (NEW) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim 29.

33. (NEW) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim 30.

34. (NEW) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim 31.